league teams can finish on top. These fans are always filled with hope in the spring, and they usually remain loyal to the end of the season if good baseball is provided. But they must have a winper, and whichever team makes the best bld for a championship will find plenty of money pouring through the box office

Both New York clubs have spent mone freely for new playing talent, but the ocklyn club has not been so lavish. sident Farrell of the Americans gav Menager Stallings permission last fa to get players at any cost, with the resul that \$30,000 was expended in this manner President Brush did not buy another Marguard for \$11,000, but McGraw gath ered in fifteen youngsters, for whom he paid more than \$20,000. Just what wi the result of these purchases will no known until after the spring training in the South has been practically fir ished. Then Stallings and McGraw wi decide whom to retain.

Stallings will take thirty-two men t thens, where, aided by the veteran Arthu Irwin, the club's scout, an excellent lin on the new material will be obtained.

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the new material will be obtained the experienced Highlanders who il probably remain with the team much in be said. The team appears to have meterathered behind the bat by eaddition of Lou Criger, who was second from the St. Louis Browns in example of Demmitt and Lake. Criger, hile not a great hitter, is a star back op of wide experience. If the enjoys see best of health it is believed he will come of the American League's best stockers and consequently a tower of seemed in this respect he will be of invaluable service.

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around athlete, being a star football player.

Stallings believes he has a powerful left hander in the bunch, Frill of Newark, who won 16 games and lost 13 last this bag, but his record with the Portsmouth Ohio State League team last year mouth Ohio State League team last year it has been done in various ways. The one which has afforded me the greatest amount of enjoyment is hunting the bear on skis, and I will first relate my experiences in that direction.

I have twice hunted a bear with the spear: on one occasion the lair was in a bear with the spear was in a bear with the spear on skis, and I will first relate my experience in that direction.

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Red Sox for his release. Still another classy boxman is Russell Ford of the Jersey City team, regarded by many good judges as the best pitcher in the Eastern League last season. Ford is a spit ball artist, cool headed and nervy. With a tail end team behind him he won 13 and lost 13 games, with 189 strikeouts to his credit. Dick Carroll from the krop club of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League comes highly recommended, won 29 games and lost 9, which placed him third in the pitchers' percentages in that organization. Clunn hails from the Portsmouth club of the Virginia State League, where he did some brilliant work on the stab. Wolter, a Californian, was recently purchased by waiver from the Boston Red Sox, with whom he did not receive much of a chance to shine, but is well thought of by Hal Chase.

Two of the Highlanders' infield positions are regarded as fixtures. Chase, the incomparable, will cover first base Earl Gardner, the youngster who was a star in the Eastern League with

WYORK'S BIG DALL TRANS

in fielding he tried for everything and accepted 648 chances out of 738.

Jimmy Austin, the youngster who played hustling ball at the third corner of the diamond last year, has a formidable rival in Otis Johnson, a big fellow from Potland, Ore., in the Pacific Coast League. Johnson is described as a hard his players are going to live up to it. The statistics of the Giants, old and new, are as follows:

Managere Stallings, MeGraw and Dahlen Have Laid the Plans for the Pennant Have Laid the Plans for the Pennant Witter and a lively fielder, with skill enough to hold his own in the big leagues. He played 205 games last season, knocking out 195 hits, including 41 two baggers.

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within a week Manager John J. McGraw and some of the players who hope to be regular Giants this year will be hustling on a ball field at Markin Springs, Tex. Before the end of the first week in March the veteran members of the team will report to the little leader, while the Highlanders and their recruits will be taking orders from Big Chief Stallings at Athens. Ga. Then will come the gathering of Brooklyn's players, under the command of Nebegrer William Dahlen, at Hot Springs, Ark., and the preparations for the two big pennant races will be well under way.

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Clyde Engle, Charley Hemphill, Willie Keeler and Birdie Cree are the former outfielders, but there are two newcomers, Daniels of the Altoona Tri-State League club, who may secure regular positions. Daniels is a student at Bucknell College, which produced the great Mathewson. He played under the name of Ayres last year and took great in 52 games, hitting safely 63 times for an average of .335 and having a fielding average of .490.

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	NEW YO	ORK AMERICAN LEAGUE	CLUB.	
y		0	Bat-	Field-
	Planer.	Position.	ting.	ing.
•	Criger	Position. Catcher	.170	.986
	Sweenev	Catcher	. 267	.947
	Kleinow	Catcher.	228	.966
y	Mitchell	Catcher	295	. 947
е	Walsh	Catcher	230	.982
-	Brockett	Pitcher	. 283	031
1.	Manning	Pitcher	182	982
e	Warhop	Plicher	.128	.931
	Doyle	Pitcher	. 167	965
n	Hughes	Pitcher	.128	974
lt	Vaughn	Pitcher	132	.938
200	Clunn	Pitcher	1965	. 933
r.	Frill	Pitcher	. 138	929
76	Fisher	Pitcher	. 1.43	975
	Carroll	Pitcher	219	923
1-	Ford	Pitcher	119	969
e	Quinn	Pitcher	. 156	1.000
100	Wolter	Pitcher	241	978
n	Chase	First base	2763	945
ot	Gardner	Second base	. 15250	938
ze	Laporte	Second base	2287	928
g	Austin	Third base	201	920
1-	Johnson	Third base	228.5	901
-	Knight	Shortstop	200	939
11	Roach	Shortston	242	884
	Foster	Shortstop	278	946
	Engle	Left field		976
0	Hemphill	Centre field		968
	Keeler	Right field	262	949
H.	Cree	Outfield		949
e	Daniels	Outfield	316	930
-	Madden	Outfield		
1.	Manager	McGraw has a diff	ficult	task

Of the experienced Highlanders who before him. He has a regiment of new material in the South and hopes to pick

last season, also pitching a no hit game against Rock Island. Pitcher Bell, from against Rock Island. Pitcher Bell, from the same club, won 9 games and lost 6. Dickson, from the Birmingham club in the Southern League, won 16 games around athlete, being a star football and lost 11. Buckingham, from the around athlete, being a star football player.

Stallings believes he has a powerful staff of pitchers. He will take thirteen of them to the training camp and is pinning his faith to last year's experts, King Brockett, Walter Manning, Jack Warhop, Joe Doyle, Tom Hughes and Jack Quinn. But he also has confidence in Big Jim Vaughn, a left hander who helped to win the American Association championship for Louisville last fall. Vaughn has

Norfolk club of the Virginia State League, pitched 17 victories and 9 defeats.

If Tennev comes back able to play his old game the Giants and their followers will rejoice: but if the veters fails Merkle will probably get a chance to become the regular first baseman. McGraw has a youngster named Stancer to try out at

But the Giants' manager has four recruits to subject to a test, and one of ther cruits to subject to a test, and one of them may afford a surprise in the person of Zacher of the New Haven club in the Connecticut League. Zacher was in general demand last year when the New York club landed him. He played 124 games, made 151 hits, of which thrity-five were doubles, eight three-baggers and eight home runs, for an average of .317, at the same time scoring sixty-three runs, making thirty-five sacrifice hits and stealing nineteen bases. He showed brilliant work in the outfield with only eleven errors and an bases. He showed brilliant work in the outfield with only eleven errors and an average of .963, standing third in the list. Good judges say Zacher is one of the most promising players coming from the minor leagues, and they predict he will make a hit with the fans at the Polo Grounds. hit with the fans at the Polo Grounds.

Kommers, hailing from the Beardstown club in the Illinois-Missouri League, did excellent work with the stick and in the outfield last year. He faced the pitchers in 118 games, knocked out 139 safe hits, including twenty doubles, eleven triples and two home runs for an average of .319. In fielding he made thirteen errors and had an average of .951. He is a great thrower as his record of twenty-five assists would indicate.

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Another outfielder of promise is Collins from the Cedar Rapids club of the Three

		Bat-	Fie
Player.	Position.	ting.	- 0
Schlet	Catcher	.244	.1
Myers	Catcher	.277	4
Wilson	Catcher	.238	1
Snodgrass	Catcher	.300	
Mathewson	Pitcher	.263	1.4
Ames	Pitcher	.074	. 8
Wiltse	Pitcher	.200	1
Raymond	Pitcher	.146	- 3
Marquard	Pitcher	.148	
Crandall	Pitcher	.244	. 5
Drucke	. Pitcher	.174	
Klawitter	Pitcher	.212	.8
Bell	Pitcher	.200	. 8
Buckingham	Pitcher	.192	1.0
Daley	Pitcher	. 197	. 6
Dickinson	Pitcher	.142	.9
Parson	Pitcher	.226	.9
Scott	Pitcher	.139	. 9
Temple	Pitcher	.239	. 9
Tenney	First base	. 235	.9
Merkle	First base	191	.9
Spencer	First base	.234	.9
Doyle	Second base	302	.9
Devlin	Third base	. 265	.9
Bridwell	Shortstop	. 294	
Fletcher	. Infielder	.214	.8
Shafer	Infielder	.179	- 3
	Left field	.248	. 6
	Left field	.290	.9
	Centre field	.310	. 9
	Right field	.263	. 9
	Outfielder	.274	9
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	Outfielder	292	. W
	.Outfielder	317	. 9
De Vore	Outfielder	-	

Manager Dahlen of the Brooklyns will make very few experiments. He has a lot of seasoned players and believes that success depends chiefly on the perfection of team play. The Brooklyns have a powerful pitching staff in Nan Rucker, the star left hander for whom President Ebbets says he would not take \$25,000; Harry McIntire, Doc Scanlon, Bell, Hunter, Wilhelm and Cy Barger, who helped to win the Eastern League pennant for Rochester last season. Bell commands the confidence of Dahlen, who says he will be one of the National League's greatest pitchers this season. Manager Dahlen of the Brooklyns

this season. In Bergen, who caught 112 games in 1909, In Bergen, who caught 112 games in 1909, the Brooklyns have an able backstop, but they also have a good man in Erwin from Rochester, the leading catcher in the Eastern League last year. Not only a good batsman, Erwin caught eighty-seven games for the champion Rochesters, having eight passed balls and a fielding average of .959. He is a fine thrower to bases and possesses a head filled with baseball brains. If Tim Jordan, the big first baseman, finds that his legs bother him or he meets with an accident, Dahlen has a substitute in Daubert from the Memphis Southern League Club. This young man led the league in batting last year with an average of .314, making eighty-nine hits for a total of 107 bases in eighty-one games. He also led the first basemen in fielding with .965, making only four errors.



HUNTING BEAR WITH SPEARS. One of the Methods of Killing Bruin in Northern Europe. From the Field.

During the last few years I have had he satisfaction of killing a fair number of bears, the biggest and perhaps the mos interesting game of northern Europe, and have studied the ways of these animals

to protect it against the teeth of the the lower part of the pole is covered with copper. The moment the bear appeared I tried to hit him in the throat, but he parried with his paw and my spear miscarried. The bear came further out and I managed to thrust my spear well into his chest, he got furious and bit viciously at the copper coating, at the same time trying to knock the spear out of my hand with his paw.

He used his teeth with such force that they almost penetrated the copper, and higher up the pole he tore out great splinters of wood. It took me all my time to hold my own against him, but by degrees he tired I drew out the spear to let the blood flow more freely, but the bear still had strength enough left to snap at the point of the spear with such violence that he made some big marks in the metal with his teeth. My friend now came up and gave him the coup de grace, with his spear. The fight lasted bout five minutes.

To tackle a bear with a spear in the sum-

mer time when the ground is bare is a serious business, although I have heard of Laps doing it: but the bear is as lithe a a cat and uses his paws with surprising rapidity and force. Even in winter, when snow somewhat hinders his movements, one needs a cool head and a strong arm. Another outfielder of promise is Collins, the Jersey City team last year, will play the second bag. When Gardner joined the Hillmen in the fall he quickly showed that he could fill the bill in every way and also did so well with the bat that he had an average of 3:90 Gardner, in the opinion of no less a person than Connie back of the Philadelphia Athletics, will be one of the game's greatest infielders his year, fully capable of measuring up to the standard set by such experts as Eddie Collins and Johnny Evers. He is a natural ball player, clean cut, ambit solues and self-possessed, and State League, the Highlanders worderfull held now that the trouble making Elberfeld has been canned he may have to show phenomenal skill to keep the position away from either Roach or Fosser. Roach is a finished player who attracted attention when with the Language of .929. Foster, a mere boy, uniped into notice with the Jera / City state, 19 triples and 8 homers, while who had a player of .920. Foster, a mere boy, uniped into notice with the Jera / City state, 19 triples and 8 homers, while who held and notice with the Jera / City state, 19 triples and 8 homers, while who had an attracted according left field in 120 games, he had 260 and as strong arm. A well known Norwegian bear hunter, one needs a cool head and astrong arm, a session only one error, lis assists and only one error, in the opinion of no less a person than Connie had been games at second base, according left field in 120 games, he had 260 games he made in the opinion of no less a person than Connie had held and strong arm and only one error, lis assists and only one error, lay assists

SKYSCRAPER TALES

The Hidalgo's Fortune.

Janitor Joel Faxon was making his Saturday night rounds in the Aerial

Saturday night rounds in the Aerial Building preparatory to going to bed. Righter and tighter would be his sleep in the little house on the roof for knowing that all was right and tight below.

Without an item of the unusual he had traversed half his journey, ten stories of silence and security, the very lights that guided him shining with the remote tranguildity of the stars; but as he swing around a corner of the eleventh floor his foot struck against something hard. It was a package, bricklike in shape, leaning against the wall by the short passage leading to the law offices of Alvah Lazarus; "Dinnermite," muttered Faxon as he gingerly examined the tautly drawn wrapper, unmarked except by the splashes of sealing wax at either end. But no. As he went on with added vigilance he knew that the suspicion came more from his distruct of the foreign looking attorney than from any attendant circumstance. An explosion could not have wrecked the offices from that point. They had been closed and deserted for hours. The cleaners had got through by 6 o'clock. Hence the package must have evening.

As he recalled the infrequent and be-

evening.

As he recalled the infrequent and belated persons who had passed and repassed his chair in the entrance he nodded shrewdly. The girl with the shawl over her head and held at her breast, the girl with the black, burning eyes and wistful lips who had flashed by only to flash back and out, with whiter face, it must have been she. Why hadn't he asked her what she wanted so much? How could be get a line on her now, with Jake, the elevator man, off until Tuesday morning?

In the cosey solitude of the house of the roof Faxon opened the package to

the roof Faxon opened the package to the breaking of his pipe. It contained bills, new bills with reddish yellow backs. The top bill was for \$1,000, and so was the next and the next. And so was every one of the whole 500 of them.

"Half a millyun," gasped Faxon, "chucked against the wall as if at a rat."

No right and tight sleep for Faxon the night. After a dull, staring contemplation of the fact, the bludgeoning fact, that he had in his sole possession and control a dozen tidy fortunes, the lovalty of the man stirred him to present duty. of the man stirred him to present duty, to guard and watch and wait until the morn should break, until the earliest hour should come when he might bear the treasure to Police Headquarters and deliver it over to the chief.

no deliver it over to the chief.

No thought now of the pipe's lull, the himney's cheer, the heavy rest of his lain little bed. Upright, alert and ense Faxon (At by the table, his revolver and the second the s

tense Faxon tat by the table, his revolver and the package before him, while the hours dragged on.

Quiet and still and cold; like the fall of the full moonlight on the shimmering roof. In weary breaks came the quarter soundings of a distant bell. Then the unhuman silence again, depressing the man as if he were a sole watcher over tremendous dead—the great city below, the vast world about and beyond.

With the restlessness of such a watcher Faxon threw open the window and stood listening for what, to what? Yes, there it was again; a cry, faint, amazed, piteous, a cry for help.

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Out of the house Faxon hurried to the waist high parapet. At the eighteenth story there was a broad cornice, lessening to an extent the nasedness of the facade. On its flat top was a shadow, definite, moving, springing into the agitated life of a girl's face and form, outstretched still, but moving agitatedly, blindly

blindly.

"For the love of God!" screamed Faxon.
hanging half way over. "Wait, lie still!
I'll be to you in a jiffy."

Presently he was back again, staggering up the steep steps and through the hatchway with the girl in his arms.
Yet as he laid her down and gave one quick, comprising look—the revolver, the quick, comprising look—the revolver. yet as he isid her down and gave one quick, comprising look—the revolver, the package, they were gone. He rushed to the hatchway. From far below came a jeering call and the reverberating bang of the front doors he had barred hours

"If I lived for a hunder' years and held down the job and scrimped to the bone. mused Faxon as he slowly returned, "I cudn't make it up." And his face was grayer than the face of the girl who prang forward to seize his hand. "You saved my life," she cried. "I didn't know where I was, I must have

fallen off." The face of each was grayer from the thought. "A good job, thot, at all events," said Faxon. "Sit by, now, there's a dear, until you pull your narves back."

With the deftness of an old hand he turned the singing kettle and brewed a cup of tea, stiffening it from the bottle on the shelf. "Now thin," he went on delicately
"you might tell what you will."

"I am Inez Spellacy, a seamstress," she replied simply. "I have a room hardly a block away. All yesterday I was busy sewing—I needed the money to keep me over Sunday-without eating, with scarce drink.

"In the evening, when it was over, when was about to rest, a great, a marvellous good fortune came to me. I could not believe it, I was sapped of my strength and senses with the impossible joy of it. Then I heard a call, the voice of one most dear, of one long lost.

"I ran out, I ran over here. That all I can remember—wait, wait." "Of coorse we'll wait, pretty Miss Inez, and glory be for the honest ring of the Spellacy that goes with it, Of coorse we'll wait. With a Sunda' and more ahead of us, there's time to burn."

He looked with keen compassion on her roughened fingers, her neat scant dress, the translucence of her cheeks, the deeper shadows of her brilliant eyes, reading in all a confirmation of her words. Again he brewed the tea and with rough courtesy pressed upon her bread and meat. "You're not the other," at length he said, "but like, very like."

"Then there was another, like me?" she cried, starting up, as if revivified by hope.
"Then I did hear Lola's dear voice. Oh. speak, speak!" He told of the girl with the shawl, who

had flitted to and fro, whose white face and black eyes so resembled hers. He told of the package he had found. "Of course that was mine," she interrupted feverishly. "but never mind. Where is she? What did she want and

where did she go?" "I don't know, mum," Faxon sighed heavily. "I don't know aught of her heavily. "I don't know aught of her except that she came and wint like a driven angel. And mind, you must, and I too wuss luck. That package was stole while I wint downstairs, and I'm your eternal debtor for half a millyun."

She gave no heed to his words, dropping back in her chair, her chin on her hand, her straight brows curved with thought. Then she smiled satisfiedly.

"Listen, you good man," she said, "and don't look so worried over what happened through my own stupid weakness. I have a feeling that tells me that through

you I shall regain my sister Lols, yes, and the fortune which we are both too and the fortune which we are that we accustomed to deem hopeless to trouble much about. My father's people settled in Spain many years ago and grew rich and respected.

"T-thrust the Spellacies to land on their

feet the world over," murmured Faxon.
She pressed her finger to her lips; she shook it mischievously. She thus con-"His father, involved in a Carlist rising.
"His father, involved in a Carlist rising.

"Oh, you darling, my precious one, heart of my heart," she cried. "Why did you leave me? Why didn't you let me know?"

Alrah would have it so," know?"

"Because Alvah would have it so,"
replied Lola. "Alvah, whom I loved;
Alvah, whom I loathe!"

"Aha, my insidjous frind," chucked
Faxon apart; "I wasn't so wrong whin I
t'ought there was a parcel of dinnermite
near your dure."

near your dure."

Without a word to his guests he stole out of the house on the roof, locking the door after him.

It was resentment, deep and dangerous, that drove Joel Faxon out into the night to plod through the shadows of byways and cross streets to the decayed mansion by a downtown park where Alvah Lazarus dwelt. He had been choused and circumvented and wounded in his dearest pride. No longer could he boast to himself of his ever sufficent faithfulness. He would get that package back or die for it.

Over the broken brick wall Faxon swarmed, and into the wasted garden so clear, so naked under the moonlight. No chance now to lurk and hide; he must be seen, if any there were to see. He would have sworn there was not a wakeful, watchful person within a block, except of course in that second story room, where a light was burning, on which he had set his eyes, were it not for an indefi-

nite. uneasy sense of some presence.

"Ye're getting wuss than that girl,
Faxon, with your feels, and be dom' to you," he growled. With a doggedness which not even

dozen heads popping and peering over the wall could have abated he marched to the trellis clinging to the extension and up he went. Yes, he was right. As he

had watched and guarded, so Alvah Lazarus, like any other man of sense, was warding his booty the livelong night Groping on hands and knees to the swung blinds Faxon could see through the wir dow, but half drawn, the attorney sitting at the table, as he himself had sat.

True there were other articles before him, a tray of cigarettes, a wicker bound decanter and glasses; but there, on the right, was a revolver; the revolver, Fax-on's own revolver. Doubtless if he would turn a bit the package would come into view.

nto view.

No. Alvah Lazarus would not turn. He
No. Alvah Lazarus would not drink. would not smoke. He would not drin!
He would not move. A picture of it
scene could not have been more still.
"Happens he's dozed off," murmure
Faxon, hugging himself as against a chi!
"So be, it wud save t-throuble if I got it
revolver fust. I'll chance it." He alippe
he dropped into the room.
Like a cat Faxon was at the table. E
spatched up the revolver. He levelled it

snatched up the revolver. He levelled He dropped it to his side. The man confronted was dead. From a slend stiletto thrust deep into the left brea-thick blood was oozing. The package it was gone.

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it was gone.

Down the trellis scrambled Faxon
noisily, indifferent of fate. He had
failed. He had lost his chance. Gone
was his self-confidence, the very breath
of his nostrils. As he reached the ground
he tottered, he might even have fallen
from weakness, the weakness of chagrin,
but for a supporting hand.

A dapper and erect old gentleman stood

from weakness, the weakness of chagrin, but for a supporting hand.

A dapper and erect old gentleman stood beside him, bowing gravely, considerately. The tight skin on his long, narrow face was like stored ivory. The supporting hand had shrivelled into talons. But his eyes were bright, alert and fearless.

"One must take heed in these night adventures, Señor," he said. "It is the false step that costs. We vill talk a while—honorrable men, with a good mission, under ze lofely stars—hein? It is puffectly safe—the servants, heavy with beer in the front basement, and zat man up there, you saw for yourself; he will steal no more."

"He stole enough, thin," replied Faxon bitterly. "How iver I kin make it up to thim poor girrls."

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"He stole enough, thin," replied Faxon bitterly. "How iver I kin make it up to thim poor girls."

"Gif yourself no unease, Sefor. It is here, ze package, sound and whole, under my ozzer arm, see? You will bear it back to ze sistars. Ah, I know; they are reunited at last.

"I watched, after I sent it to Inez. I saw her flight to ze high building, where zat Lazarus—ouf, I spit at the name—had his offices. I waited, I was fearful. The doors were locked; she did not come.

"Then out he rushed; he, who must have spied on me for years to get it for hisself, with my treasure close to his wicked heart. Still I waited, knowing I had time, plenty time, for what I must do.

"Then the ozzer girl she kem; Lola, rash, wild but good of heart. I saw you fetch her above—good man, worthy of trust. Then I came to do what I knew you too would do. Again I waited. Behold!"

He placed the package in Faxon's hand. He bowed low. As if in a minuet he paced away through the side passage leading to the street in front.

"Dom", but it must be the ould Hidalgo hisself," gasped Faxon.

The stars had sunk to sleep behind veil of radiant clouds when Faxon again entered the little house on the roof. Lola rose to meet him, her finger to her wistful lips, her brilliant eyes turned warningly

to where her sister Inez lay.
"It is well for us to talk before she rouses," she said, waving aside with a sort of dread the sealed package which the janitor offered. "She was always so even as a child after one of these-what shall I say?-supersensitive etherial excitements. Even then I used to think bitterly, believe me, that but one human nature came to us children of a single birth. The spiritual to her, the physical to me."

"And bot' beautyus," protested Faxon. "She may remember dimly, she may not remember at all, what took place last evening," continued the girl; "but it is right that you should know all I can tell

regarding that treasure you seem to have INTERSCHOLASTIC SPOR recovered. Personally I am afraid of it. It brought evil and exile to my grandfather, penury to my parents, disgrace to me and hardship to my dear sister."

"Time, thin, and more, for it to begin to refarm and hand out blessings, as I

believe it will." "Not while Lazarus lives. He has ever lost sight of it; he has never ceased eeking it. Because of it he induced me

ball Foul Rule Likely to Be Changed. to flee with him to this country. Because of it he alfied himself with all the cosmopolitan revolutionists who harbor here. trailing me through their resorts in the hope that my family likeness would cause my grandfather to recognize me, to betray himself. Because of it only a few days ago he deserted me, cast me out

to starve. "Wait a bit." broke in Faxon; "I don't

"Wait a bit." broke in Faxon; "I don't quite see the connection, as the engineer said in the fog."

"Because he had learned that my grandfather had recognized me but would not betray himself on account of him. Because he had learned that the old man had discovered what neither of us knew—that Inez was in this country and that it was she he intended to enrich in his Quixotic way.

"The fortune is the key of all our wees. When I heard only yesterday that Inez was in the eity, I knew not where, but in such deadly peril from Lazarus, I went wild. I haunted his offices all day; he never came. I returned at night, pounding on his doors, crying aloud to my sister in my anguish and fear."

"She must have heard you, thin," cried Faxon with bulging eyes. "If that doesn't run wireless stale may I be domd."

"She must have whirled into the building in that strange, exalted state of hers, to bring the fortune to me, to me; coming, dear soul, to the very spot where I had stood, and leaving the package as if I would come again and get it. And then, oh then, Lazarus must have been following her; he must have come across her, as she was wandering through the building. She says she remembers dimly being pursued over dizzy heights, held in a fierce grasp, searched, tossed through the builsed carnice below, the poor, lost vil-

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"He went there too late, don't you see, in time only to see you take it away. He must have lingered, hoping against hope, until the change came for him to steal it from you, just as he will watch and plot to get it again. That is why I fear."

"It will be the biggest miracle if he does," said Faxon gravely, but before he could tell more a sweet voice interrupted him from the bed, where Inez now sat, her arms outstretched, smiling

rupted him from the bed, where Inez now sat, her arms outstretched, smiling tenderly.

"O Lola, darling," she cried, "I had such a lovely dream. It will all come true too; I know it, I feel it. We are going back to England, you and I there to be rich and happy and respected."

"It might be, Inez, were it not for Lazarus," sighed Lola.

"Lazarus, dearest, we mustn't ever think of him again. He is dead; why didn't you know?"

LIP READING.

Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell's Skill in Fellowing a Conversation.

Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, wife of the inventor, lost her hearing and what little baby speech she possessed at so early little baby speech she possessed at so early an age that she has no recollection of ever having spoken or heard, and thus occupies the position of one congenitally

At that time the art of reading the lips was but little known or practised, but for tunately her mother instinctively adopted the best possible method of teaching her mute child. She was brought up with her two younger hearing sisters; they all shared the same lessons, all rethey all shared the same lessons, all received the same viva voce instruction; signs were never used by herself or others, nor did she ever have any inclination to employ them in communicating with those around her.

To a passionate love of reading, which her mother saw was fully gratified, she ascribes most of the facility she afterward coined in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. This she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach reading. The she control of the facility she afterward are installed in speach the facility she afterward are installed in the facility she afterward are installed

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INDOOR BASEBALL ON WITH

A LONG SCHEDULE.

Otto T. Bannard Donates a Trophy for the New Tournament-Boys High School to Have Track Meet-Basket.

Indoor baseball had its first trial in the New York schools yesterday when the new tournament began. As planned the twenty. one teams have been divided into four sections, upper and lower Manhattan, Brooklyn and The Bronx. The four win. ning teams that are eventually selected in the four divisions will play an elimination series which will sift down to a final game. The section tournaments will be round robins, each team playing all the others in the division. There are seven teams in each of the Manhattan sections and their games are consequently to last a week longer than the other two. There will be an idle team each week in all but the Brooklyn

eries.

The games will be in armories and gymasiums. It is intended to hold the fina nasiums. It is intended to hold the final contest in some large armory like the Forty. seventh or Thirteenth, which will seat a large number of youngsters. If the expectations of the P. S. A. L. officials materialize the sport will take a quick hold on the boys and there will be a larger tournament next year. The present entry, however, is considered good in view of the fact that it is the first attempt and was got under way rather hastily. onder way rather hastily.

Dr. Aldinger, the assistant director of

physical education, believes that the benefit from the game is in the speed and judgment which it develops. It is particularly ef-fective, he says, in training base runners. It brings out the strategic side of baseball. The high schools will hardly adopt the sport this season, but there is a good chance that they may do so next year.

Each team will be required to have with it at the games a coach or some person who is authorized to represent it. The team certificates, which have to be presented before the game, will be forwarded to the secretary of the league. The umpire is to be prescribed and if not there is to be neutral if possible and if not there is be an official from each school.

Otto T. Rannard, the Republican namin

Otto T. Bannard, the Republican nominee for Mayor in the last election, has donated a trophy for the tournament.

The schedule:
Upper Manhatian—February 19, Public School
30 vs. Public School 184; Public School 46 vs.
Public School 166; Public School 10 vs. Public School
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93; Public School 144 vs. Public School
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94; Public School 166 vs. Public School
95, byc.

Public School 147; School 40; Public School 74, by March 12—Public

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The Bronx—February 19—Public School 12 vs. Public School 27. Public School 1, bye.
February 22—Public School 1 vs. Public School 12. Public School 27, bye.
February 28—Public School 27 vs. Public School 1. Public School 12. bye.
March 5—Public School 27 vs. Public School 12. Public School 1, bye.

in case of deafness and blindness combined, as with Helen Keller) in tracing the movements of the lips, though necessary, as entirely subsidiary.

Mrs. Bell looks upon lip reading as a mental exercise which consists in selecting the right word from a large number of words resembling each other. This naturally requires an extensive and readily available vocabulary of words and colloquial phrases, obviously open to the deaf mainly through a full and varied course of reading.

This theory she found borne out by her experience in deciphering German speech, which in her youth while in a German boarding school she read almost as well as English. In later years, however, says the Forum, when opportunities for conversing in German were rare the want